Filth and garbage in Danapur cantonment, Bihar

1443. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some members of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, Bihar Legislative Council, Public and journalists have written between January, 1988 to July, 1990 requesting to remove filth and garbage lying in Danapur Cantonment Board, Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The problems pointed out by the Members of Parliament and others were examined and remedial action was taken. The Cantonment Board area is being regularly inspected by the sanitary staff|supervisory functionaries and garbage disposal is closely monitored. The Board has also recently purchased one sullage pump and two fogging machines for draining out water from the drains and for eliminating mosquitoes. 50 dustbins have been provided in a congested area and a park has been built in another. The Cantonment is also inter-acting with Ganga Action Plan to convert dry latrines ino water-borne ones.

Amount spent on sanitation, staff vehicles etc. by the Danapur Cantonment Board, Bihar

1444. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total amount spent by the Danapur Cantonment Board, Bihar on sanitation from January, 1988 to 31st July, 1990; year-wise and month-wise;

(b) the total amount spent on the repairs of trucks, tractors and staff cars and on the diesel and petrol from January, 1988 till date; year-wise;

(c) the amount spent by the Board on telephones installed in office and residence from January, 1988 till date; year-wise; and

(d) the cost of each electricity equipments purchased by the Board from January, 1988 to 31st July, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Expenditure on materials for sanitation:

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	Rs.
Jan. 88 to Dec. 88	27,777
Jan. 89 to Dec. 89	45,772
Jan. 90 to Jul. 90	32,851
TOTAL	106,400

Month-wise break up of the expenditure is not available.

(b) *Expenditure on repairs/diesel and petrol:*

	Rs.
Jan. 88 to Dec. 88	59,938
Jan. 89 to Dec. 89	40,486
Jan. 90 to Jul. 90	66,879
TOTAL	167,303

(c) *Expenditure on telephone:*

	Rs.
Jan. 89 to Dec. 88	3,558
Jan. 89 to Dec. 89	9,478
Jan. 90 to Jul. 90	4,982
TOTAL	18,018

(d) *Expenditure on electricity equipments:*

	Rs.
Jan. 88 to Dec. 88	33,866
Jan. 89 to Dec. 89	30,072
Jan. 90 to Jul. 90	15,299
TOTAL	79,237

Study conducted on coliform by ITRC, Lucknow

1445. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITRC, Lucknow has conducted study on the antibiotic resistance of coliform in drinking water; if so, the details thereof: and

(b) whether similar work has been undertaking/is proposed to be undertaken under ITRC's various programmes for common pesticides found in soil and water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir. The Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, Lucknow has conducted studies of coliforms in drinking water sources in various problem districts in hilly areas and in plains, which have indicated resistance in varying degrees for different antibiotics.

(b) Data on pesticide residues in some drinking water samples, including Ganga, Yamuna, Hooghly waters indicate presence of commonly used pesticidess such as DDT, HCH, Endosulfan in some samples. In general their levels were below the permissible limits as prescribed by World Health Organisation.

Setting up of central university at Tezpur, Assam

1446. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demand for setting up of a Central University at Tezpur in Assam;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill to this effect, during the current session of Parliament; and

(c) if not., what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Legislation for establishment of a teaching and affiliating University in Assam at Silchar was enacted in May, 1989. It has since been decided to set up two campuses of the University. Accordingly the Assam Government has been requested to make suitable land and infrastructural facilties avaliable in the Brahmaputra and the Barak Valley for this purpose.